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SUBJECT:KIM IL SUNG VISIT TO PRC

1. FOLLOWING ANALYSIS OF APRIL 18 BANQUET SPEECHES OF
NORTH KOREAN PRESIDENT KIM IL SUNG AND PRC VICE PREMIER
TENG HSIAO-PING WAS PREPARED BY FBIS ANALYSIS GROUP.

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2.PEKING GIVES KIM IL-SONG HIGH-LEVEL WELCOME; COMMENT
ROUTINE.

PEKING HAS PROVIDED A WARM, HIGH-LEVEL WELCOME TO THE
NORTH KOREAN PARTY-GOVERNMENT DELEGATION LED BY KIM IL-SONG
ON HIS FIRST VISIT TO CHINA SINCE 1961. COMMENT FROM BOTH
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SIDES THUS FAR HAS BEEN ROUTINE AND CONSISTENT WITH WELL-
ESTABLISHED DPRK AND PRC LINES ON THE KOREAN SITUATION
AND PEKING-PYONGYANG RELATIONS. THE CORDIAL RECEPTION
FOR KIM INCLUDED A MASSIVE WELCOME AT THE PEKING RAILROAD

STATION AND AN AUDIENCE THE DAY OF HIS ARRIVAL, 18 APRIL, WITH CCP CHAIRMAN MAO TSE-TUNG, WITH WHOM KIM HAD A "VERY CORDIAL AND FRIENDLY CONVERSATION." THIS WAS MAO'S FIRST APPEARANCE IN PEKING IN NEARLY A YEAR AND HIS FIRST PUBLIC APPEARANCE IN THREE MONTHS. FOR KIM, HEADING A DELEGATION COMPOSED OF MILITARY, ECONOMIC AND FOREIGN POLICY OFFICIALS, THIS IS HIS FIRST TRIP OUTSIDE NORTH KOREA SINCE 1965, WHEN

HE VISITED INDONESIA. IN 1961 HE HAD TRAVELED TO PEKING AND MOSCOW TO SIGN SEPARATE FRIENDSHIP TREATIES.

3. FOLLOWING KIM'S AUDIENCE WITH MAO ON THE 18TH, HIS DELEGATION WAS FETED BY THE CUSTOMARY BANQUET THAT EVENING AT WHICH HE AND PRC VICE PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING SPOKE. THE VISIT WAS HAILED IN A PEOPLE'S DAILY EDITORIAL ON THE 18TH AND IN PYONGYANG'S NODONG SINMUN ON THE 20TH. ON THE 19TH KIM MET WITH PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI IN THE HOSPITAL AND BEGAN A ROUND OF TALKS WITH TENG, CHARACTERIZED BY NCNA AS TAKING PLACE IN A "WARM ATMOSPHERE OF REVOLUTIONARY FRIENDSHIP AND MILITANT UNITY." ON THE 22D KIM AND HIS PARTY LEFT PEKING IN THE COMPANY OF TENG AND FOREIGN MINISTER CHIAO KUAN-HUA FOR NANKING AND A TOUR OF THE PROVINCES. NO SCHEDULE HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED FOR KIM'S VISIT TO CHINA, BUT CUSTOM INDICATES HE WILL RETURN TO PEKING FOR ANOTHER ROUND OF MAJOR SPEECHES AND THE SIGNING OF A JOINT COMMUNIQUE TO CONCLUDE THE VISIT.

4. KIM SPEECH.

AT THE WELCOMING BANQUET IN PEKING ON THE 18TH--ATTENDED BY CAMBODIAN PRINCE SIHANOUK AS WELL AS HIGH-RANKING CHINESE LEADERS--KIM OBSERVED THAT IT WAS THE FIRST VISIT "FOR A LONG TIME" AND HE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE INVITATION FROM THE CHINESE PARTY, GOVERNMENT, AND MAO TSE-TUNG. HIS DELEGATION, SAID KIM, WOULD EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH THE CHINESE ON PRESENT INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND WOULD "TAKE EFFECTIVE MEASURES FOR OUR TWO CONFIDENTIAL

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PEOPLES' FUTURE COMMON STRUGGLE TO COPE WITH THE FAST-CHANGING SITUATIONS."

5. LATER IN THE SPEECH KIM SPOKE OF THE STEADY DEFEATS OF THE "U.S. IMPERIALISTS" IN ASIA. OBSERVING THAT RECENTLY THEY HAVE BEEN "DEALT FATAL BLOWS AND ARE SLIDING INTO AN INEXTRICABLE QUAGMIRE OF RUIN IN INDOCHINA," HE CITED THE "GREAT VICTORY" IN CAMBODIA AND THE VIRTUAL COLLAPSE OF THE SAIGON REGIME. KIM DREW NO DIRECT LINK BETWEEN THESE DEVELOPMENTS AND THE U.S. POSITION IN KOREA; HOWEVER HE DID CHARACTERIZE THE KOREAN STRUGGLE AS A "MAJOR LINK" IN THE CHAIN OF THE "ANTI-IMPERIALIST NATIONAL LIBERATION STRUGGLE." KIM HAD USED

SIMILAR TERMINOLOGY IN A DECEMBER 1974 SPEECH AT A RALTY FOR ZAIRE'S PRESIDENT MOBUTU, WHEN HE HAD ARGUED THAT THE PEOPLE OF KOREA AND ZAIRE WERE CONTRIBUTING TO THE "CAUSE OF ANTI-IMPERIALIST NATIONAL LIBERATION THROUGH THE COMMON STRUGGLE FOR THE INDEPENDENT DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES."

6. KIM SUMMED UP THE DPRK'S POLICY TOWARD THE SOUTH WHEN HE SAID: "IF U.S. TROOPS PULL OUT OF SOUTH KOREA AND A DEMOCRATIC FIGURE WITH NATIONAL CONSCIENCE COMES INTO POWER IN SOUTH KOREA AS ITS PEOPLE DEMAND, WE WILL FIRMLY GUARANTEE A DURABLE PEACE IN KOREA AND SUCCESSFULLY SOLVE THE QUESTION OF KOREA'S REUNIFICATION . . . BY PEACEFUL MEANS." KIM HAD RAISED THE ISSUE OF THE ROLE OF A "DEMOCRATIC FIGURE" IN REUNIFICATION IN A SEPTEMBER 1974 INTERVIEW WITH A PANAMANIAN JOURNALIST--PUBLICIZED BY KCNA ON 23 OCTOBER--AND FOREIGN MINISTER HO TAM HAD INCORPORATED IT IN A MAJOR SPEECH IN NOVEMBER. THIS FORMULATION, WHICH SEEMS TO WRITE OFF THE DIALOG BETWEEN THE NORTH AND SOUTH AS LONG AS SOUTH KOREAN PRESIDENT PAK CHONG-HUI IS IN OFFICE, WAS REPEATED IN PYONGYANG MEDIA FOLLOWING HO TAM'S SPEECH.

7. ON 20 FEBRUARY, HOWEVER, NODONG SINMUN HAD PUBLISHED A LIST OF SLOGANS ADOPTED BY THE 10TH PARTY PLENUM (11-17 FEBRUARY) WHICH INCLUDED A CALL FOR THE SOUTH KOREAN PEOPLE TO "OVERTHROW THE TREACHEROUS MILITARY-FASCIST DICTATORIAL REGIME AND SET UP A DEMOCRATIC CONFIDENTIAL

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COALITION GOVERNMENT WHICH WOULD EMBRACE THE DEMOCRATIC FORCES OF ALL STRATA." ALTHOUGH THE EMERGENCE OF A "DEMOCRATIC FIGURE" IN THE SOUTH TO AID REUNIFICATION WOULD NOT NECESSARILY PRECLUDE THE FORMATION OF A COALITION GOVERNMENT, DPRK MEDIA SINCE THE 10TH PARTY PLENUM HAVE DROPPED THE CALL FOR A DEMOCRATIC PERSONAGE TO TAKE POWER AND HAVE CALLED FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A "COALITION GOVERNMENT" IN THE SOUTH.

8. IN LINE WITH HIS OTHER STATEMENTS OF SUPPORT FOR ANTI-PAK ELEMENTS DURING THE PAST YEAR, KIM SAID IN HIS PEKING SPEECH THAT THE NORTH, "AS ONE AND THE SAME NATION" WOULD NOT LOOK ON WITH "FOLDED ARMS" BUT WOULD "STRONGLY SUPPORT" THE SOUTH KOREAN PEOPLE, SHOULD THEY REVOLT AGAINST PAK. HOWEVER, HE DID NOT SPECIFICALLY CALL FOR PAK'S OVERTHROW, AS PYONGYANG COMMENT COMMONLY HAS DONE DURING RECENT MONTHS.

9. KIM CLAIMED THAT PEACE OR WAR IN KOREA DEPENDED ON THE UNITED STATES, "WHICH HOLDS ALL POWERS IN SOUTH KOREA," A CHARACTERIZATION DATING BACK TO A KIM SPEECH AT A 4 MARCH 1974 RALLY FOR ALGERIA'S PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE AND

SUBSEQUENTLY USED AS THE RATIONALE FOR PYONGYANG'S PROPOSAL OF A PEACE TREATY WITH THE UNITED STATES--A PROPOSAL PRESENTED IN A SPEECH BY FOREIGN MINISTER HO TAM ON 25 MARCH 1974. KIM'S WARNING THAT IN ANY FUTURE WAR

THE NORTH WOULD DESTROY THE AGGRESSORS AND "ONLY LOSE THE MILITARY DEMARCATION LINE" WHILE GAINING THE COUNTRY'S REUNIFICATION WAS SIMILAR TO REMARKS BY CHIEF OF STAFF O CHIN-U IN HIS ARMY DAY SPEECH IN FEBRUARY.

10. IN DISCUSSING THE WORLDWIDE STRUGGLE BETWEEN IMPERIALIST AND ANTI-IMPERIALIST FORCES KIM NOTED THE NORTH WOULD BE VIGILANT AND "FIRMLY PREPARED TO MEET THE FORTHCOMING GREAT REVOLUTIONARY EVENT VICTORIOUSLY, WHETHER THERE WILL BE WAR OR REVOLUTION." HIS REFERENCE TO THE "FORTHCOMING GREAT REVOLUTIONARY EVENT" WAS IN THE CONTEXT OF A GLOBAL STRUGGLE, AND APPEARS TO BE A RESTATEMENT OF A POINT MADE IN A 4 MARCH 1975 KIM SPEECH IN PYONGYANG TO A MEETING OF INDUSTRIAL ACTIVISTS--THAT
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"THE GENERAL INTERNATIONAL SITUATION INDICATES THAT A GREAT REVOLUTIONARY EVENT MAY COME IN THE NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE."

11. IN DISCUSSING NORTH KOREAN-CHINESE UNITY, KIM ASSERTED THAT THE TWO COUNTRIES' DESTINIES WERE "INSEPARABLY LINKED," A CHARACTERIZATION ALSO EXPRESSED IN THE 20 APRIL NODONG SINMUN EDITORIAL AND IN A BANQUET SPEECH ON THE 22D IN NANKING BY DPRK VICE PRESIDENT KIM TONG-KYU. KIM'S SPEECH ON THE 18TH CONTAINED THE STANDARD NORTH KOREAN REFERENCE TO THE "BLOOD-SEALED" BOND BETWEEN KOREA AND CHINA, AND ROUTINELY NOTED THE CHINESE VOLUNTEERS' ASSISTANCE IN THE KOREAN WAR.

12. THE NODONG SINMUN EDITORIAL WAS DEVOTED EXCLUSIVELY TO NORTH KOREA-CHINESE TIES, FOCUSING ON THE "BLOOD-SEALED" RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. IT DID NOT PICK UP ANY OF KIM'S THEMES ON THE KOREAN SITUATION AND IT OMITTED ANY REFERENCE TO NORTHERN SUPPORT FOR THE STRUGGLE IN THE SOUTH. WHILE IT DID NOTE THAT "MILITANT SOLIDARITY" BETWEEN CHINA AND KOREA WAS A "MAJOR FACTOR IN STRENGTHENING . . . THE ANTI-IMPERIALIST NATIONAL LIBERATION FORCES AND IN EXPEDITING THE FALL OF THE IMPERIALIST AGGRESSOR FORCES IN ASIA," IT FAILED TO MENTION THE PRESENCE OF U.S. TROOPS IN SOUTH KOREA.

13. TENG SPEECH.
IN HIS BANQUET SPEECH IN PEKING ON THE 18TH, TENG HSIAO-PING CHARACTERIZED KIM'S "OFFICIAL FRIENDSHIP VISIT" AS A "MAJOR EVENT OF HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE" IN SINO-KOREAN RELATIONS, AND NOTED MAO'S MEETING WITH KIM EARLIER THE

SAME DAY. TENG PRAISED THE DPRK FOR ITS OPPOSITION TO IMPERIALISM AND 'MODERN REVISIONISM,' ONE OF SEVERAL

STANDARD ANTI-SOVIET BARBS IN TENG'S SPEECH.

14. DISCUSSING THE KOREAN SITUATION, TENG NOTED THAT THE DPRK "HAS REPEATEDLY PUT FORWARD CORRECT PROPOSITIONS AND REASONABLE PROPOSALS FOR THE PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION OF THE FATHERLAND." HE CALLED ATTENTION "IN PARTICULAR" TO THE THREE PRINCIPLES--INCORPORATED IN THE 4 JULY 1972 NORTH-CONFIDENTIAL

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SOUTH JOINT STATEMENT--AND THE FIVE-POINT PROGRAM FOR NATIONAL REUNIFICATION PUT FORWARD BY KIM IL-SONG ON 23 JUNE 1973, NOTING THAT THEY "FULLY ACCORD WITH KOREA'S NATIONAL INTERESTS AND ENJOY . . . EXTENSIVE INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT." TENG ACCUSED THE "PAK CHONG-HUI CLIQUE, SUPPORTED AND INSTIGATED BY U.S. IMPERIALISM," OF OPPOSING SUCH PROPOSALS AND TRYING TO "SABOTAGE" THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOG.

15. AFTER LAUDING THE NORTH'S ATTEMPTS AT "INDEPENDENT AND PEACEFUL" REUNIFICATION, TENG WENT ON TO SAY THAT CHINA HAS "CONSISTENTLY SUPPORTED THE KOREAN PEOPLE IN THEIR STRUGGLE FOR THE REUNIFICATION OF THEIR FATHERLAND, RESOLUTELY SUPPORTED THE PRINCIPLES AND PROGRAM ADVANCED BY PRESIDENT KIM IL-SONG TO ATTAIN THIS END."

16. ADDRESSING THE QUESTION OF THE U.S. PRESENCE IN SOUTH KOREA, TENG ACCUSED THE U.S. OF REFUSING TO WITHDRAW ITS TROOPS AND ATTEMPTING TO PERPETUATE THE DIVISION OF KOREA THROUGH A "TWO KOREAS" POLICY. HE SAID CHINA HAS "RESOLUTELY SUPPORTED THE KOREAN DEMAND THAT THE UNITED STATES WITHDRAW ALL ITS ARMED FORCES FROM SOUTH KOREA," BUT HE ATTACHED NO TIME FRAME TO SUCH WITHDRAWAL. BOTH HIS COMMENTS ON THE TROOP ISSUE AND HIS CRITICISM OF U.S. INVOLVEMENT IN SOUTH KOREA WERE IN LINE WITH AUTHORITATIVE CHINESE COMMENT ON THESE SUBJECTS IN THE PAST YEAR.

17. TENG DESCRIBED "AN ESPECIALLY PROFOUND REVOLUTIONARY FRIENDSHIP" BETWEEN CHINA AND KOREA, CLOSE AS "LIPS TO TEETH." HOWEVER, TENG DEEMPHASIZED CHINA'S PAST MILITARY TIES WITH KOREA, FAILING TO REPEAT KIM'S CHARACTERIZATION OF A "BLOOD-SEALED" FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, AND HE AVOIDED ANY MENTION OF CHINESE PARTICIPATION IN THE KOREAN WAR. SIMILARLY, TENG DID NOT PORTRAY THE TWO COUNTRIES' DESTINIES AS "INSEPARABLY LINKED."

18. THE 18 APRIL PEOPLE'S DAILY EDITORIAL ALSO FAILED TO MENTION CHINESE PARTICIPATION IN THE WAR, BUT IT DID TURN TO AN OLD MAO QUOTATION TO CHARACTERIZE THE FRIENDSHIP

BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AS "CEMENTED . . . IN BLOOD."

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THE EDITORIAL CALLED KIM'S PROPOSALS FOR REUNIFICATION THE
"CORRECT ROAD TO THE REUNIFICATION OF KOREA" AND IT
EXPRESSED CHINESE SUPPORT FOR "PEACEFUL" REUNIFICATION
OF KOREA.

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